Vulgar songs and obscene dances on TV channels

†164. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that private music albums with vulgar worded songs and obscene dances are being shown by various TV channels;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to curb the display of vulgar songs, dances and advertisements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to monitor violation of Programme Code and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. The Committee recommends action on receipt of complaints to even on *suo-motu* basis. Thereafter action is taken as per rules *Vide* Notification dated 2.8.2006 as Annexed in the enclosed Statement (*See* below), all music albums, video films etc. have to be certified by CBFC for unrestricted public exhibition before they can be aired on T.V.

Statement

2. The Gazette of India: Extraordinery [Part II-Sec. 3 (i)]

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Notification

New Delhi, the 2nd August, 2006

G.S.R. 459(E)—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (7 of 1995), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Cable Television Networks, Rules, 194, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2006.

   (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

2. In the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994—

(i) in rule 6, in sub-rule (1) after clause (o) the following provisio shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that no film or film song or film promo or film trailer or music video or music albums or their promos, whether produced in India or abroad, shall be carried through cable service unless it has been certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) as suitable for unrestricted public exhibition in India."

(ii) in rule 7, for sub-rule (9) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(9) No advertisement which violates the Code for self-regulation in advertising, as adopted by the Advertising Standard Council of India (ASCI), Mumbai for public exhibition in India, from time to time, shall be carried in the cable service."

[F. No. 2302/1/2001-BC-III (Part)]

N. BAIJENDRA KUMAR, Jt. Secry.

Note: The principal rules were published in Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) *vide* number GSR 729 (E), dated the 29th September, 1994 and subsequently amended by GSR 459 (E), dated the 8th October, 1996 and GSR 710(E), dated the 8th Septemebr, 2000 and GSR 282(E), dated the 11th May, 2006.

Financial irregularities in the selection of films

165. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a report prepared by the information and Broadcasting Ministry there has been found serious financial irregularities in the selection of films for screening on Delhi Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details of irregularities noticed;

(c) the losses suffered by Government in wrong selection of films, and

(d) the action taken against the officers responsible for such irregularities?